(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Coconut Development Board sponsored development of this technology with financial assistance of about Rs. 2.80 Lakh.

(d) and (e) DFRL, Mysore plans to transfer this technology to private industry on non-exclusive basis. Transfer of technology to each industrial unit will fetch a revenue of Rs. 300 lakh, which will be shared equally between Coconut Development Board and DFRL, Mysore.

Malaria

5630. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have promised to provide assistance to Haryana Government to combat malaria in the Mewat region;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of assistance provided;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action Union Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b) During the visit on 23rd November, 1996, to the Mewant are a of Gurgaon District of Haryana, the then Prime Minister had directed that assistance to combat malaria should be provided to the area. As per the technical assessment of the conditions prevailing in the affected blocks and the population to be covered, insecticides, microscopes, fogging machines and general medicines including from tablets and Jeeps and Trucks costing around Rs. 3.54 crores have already been supplied to the State or under the process of supply.

Apart from this, special medicines and anti-TB durgs have also been sanctioned for use in the affected areas.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

AIDS

5631. SHRI MANGAT RAM SHARMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some cases of AIDS due to Blood provided by some Blood Banks have come to the notice of Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and preventive measures being taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TAXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per reports available HIV transmission by transfusion of blood and blood products ranges between 6-8 per cent.

2. Drugs and Cosmetics Act/Rules provide mandatory testing of blood for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

3. Establishment of a network of HIV testing facilities in the form of 154 Zonal Blood Testing Centres with linkages provided to blood banks located in the government, voluntary and public sector.

4. The blood Safety component of National AIDS Control Programme presently under implementation provides assistance in the food of cash and commodity towards modernisation of 315 blood banks and 40 Blood component Separation Facilities.

5. At presantation of the voluntary blood donation programme.

Improvement of National Highways

5632. SHRI SHYAM LAL BANSHIWAL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have chalked out any plan to improve the condition of National Highways in the country during 1997-98; and

(b) if so, the details thereof in respect of Rajasthan ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During 1997-98, 14 Road Works (estimated cost Rs. 20.00 crores) and 7 Bridge Works (estimated cost Rs. 12.00 crores) are purposed to be sanctioned in respect of Rajasthan.

Rural Water Supply

5633. SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) total allocation of funds under Rural Water

Supply Programme and under minimum needs programmes;

(b) whether the funds allotted by the Government are not fully utilised by the State Governments; and

(c) if so, details thereof, State-wise and year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The total allocation during the Eighth Five Year Plan under the central sector was Rs. 4215 crore; and under the State/UT sector Medium Needs Programme as Rs. 5288.75 crore.

(b) The State-wise and year-wise details of the unutilised amount are given in the statement attached.

Statement

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State/UT	Unutilised amount at Beginning of each year of the Eigth Plan as on				
		1.4.92	1.4.93	1.4.94	1.4.95	1.4.96
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0.000	0.000	500.000	1079.000	1432.260
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	22.000	0.000	228.440	128.150	529.450
3.	Assam	12.000	620.000	328.930	304.930	704.930
4.	Bihar	1728.000	643.770	3278.030	2242.260	3297.890
5.	Goa	0.000	0.000	6.990	0.000	170.000
6.	Gujarat	206.000	47.980	1145.580	0.000	759.490
7.	Haryana	395.700	134.900	384.140	317.650	653.000
8.	Himachal Pradesh	7.000	7.070	269.330	176.480	115.880
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1.600	1970.680	990.920	689.450	483.510
10.	Karnataka	723.000	23.320	23.230	363.900	1028.670
11.	Kerala	0.000	55.550	866.070	1512.080	1247.760
12.	Madhya Pradesh	90.000	21.460	151.600	239.120	841.350
13.	Maharashtra	1814.000	1265.820	2379.730	2618.320	0.000
14.	Manipur	77.000	155.420	158.830	99.070	169.480
15.	Meghalaya	50.000	201.320	388.200	431.710	40.910
16.	Mizoram	79.000	5.390	5.390	1.420	32.710
17.	Nagaland	297.400	358.860	656.990	633.320	664.270
18.	Orissa	237.00	56.570	254.090	54.090	182.570
19.	Punjab	0.000	81.930	0.000	0.000	259.720
20.	Rajasthan	0.000	29.000	685.140	781.760	313.220
21.	Sikkim	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.890

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
22.	Tamil Nadu	0.000	0.000	379.250	342.180	1713.430
23.	Tripura	134.000	201.840	103.450	223.700	0.000
24.	Uttar Pradesh	460.000	61.000	1462.000	2672.040	390.270
25.	West Bengal	237.000	554.670	1272.280	190.590	190.970
	Total	6570.700	6496.550	15918.610	15101.220	15222.630

[Translation]

Modern Gadgets in Bilingual

5634. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a dozen of modern gadgets such as computers, telexes, teleprinters with Roman Script installed in his Ministry are being made bilingual;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the discussions and notings etc. on the budgetary projects of his Ministry are done in English as a result of which the Hindi speaking States are also compelled to send their budgetary projects in English, despite facility of English translation, which causes delay;

(d) if so, whether the Chairman and Members of the official language Implementation Committee, who are entrusted with the task of implementation of Hindi, at all levels in his Ministry, do not use Hindi in their official work, if so, the manner in which the use of official language Hindi will be encouraged; and

(e) the reasons for allowing use of English in his Ministry, where cent-percent work is supposed to be done in Hindi since it falls under 'A' region and the time up to which this system will continue ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) and (b) The facility of working in Hindi is available in a number of modern gadgets available in the Ministry and the same are being used for working in Hindi also. Additional softwares are also purchased from time to time for making the existing computers bilingual. About 90% of the electronic typewriters in the Ministry are already equipped with facility of working in Devanagari & Roman scripts.

(c) Discussions and notings etc. of the Budgetary matters of the Ministry are done both in English and Hindi. Necessary documents relating to Budget are also prepared bilingually. The Defence Budget mainly relates to the Central Budget and no material, etc. is required to be received from the States.

(d) The Chairman & Members of the Official Language Implementation Committee of the Ministry use Hindi in their day-to-day official work.

(e) The utmost effort is being made in this Ministry to train the staff at various levels to work in Hindi. However, it is stated that recruitment at various levels being a continuing process, coupled with the fact that a large number of personnel from the non-Hindi speaking states also get recruited, some allowance is required to be made to allow them to wrok in English during the period they are being trained to learn and work in Hindi.

[English]

Espionage activities by Armed Officers

5635. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA :
SHRIMATI RATNMALA D. SAVANOOR :
SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a racket in espionage activities including an officer of the Indian Army was recently identified by the BSF and intelligence agencies at Rajasthan's Indo-Pakistan border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the outcome of the enquiry, if any, conducted by the Government in the matter; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (d) In a case of espionage detected in Jaisalmer, in which certain defence-